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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of the document cited is enclosed.

It is noted that Japanese Patent Document No. 10-054982 (JP '982), which is cited in the attached form PTO-1449, was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 1, 2001. The English abstract submitted with JP '982 in the previously filed IDS did not correspond to JP '982. Applicants submit that the attached English abstract corresponds to JP '982. Consideration of such document is respectfully requested.

It is also noted that JP '982 is based on Japanese Application No. 09-137579, which is listed in the Foreign Application Priority Data section on the face of U.S. Patent No. 6,184,957 to Mori et al, which has already been made of record in the present application.

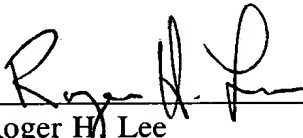
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To assist the Examiner, the document is listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner-initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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